

TOWN OF NOLENSVILLE  
Post Office Box 547  
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RESOLUTION #06-14

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING CERTIFICATE NEED NO. CN0604-028, TO  
ESTABLISH A HOSPITAL IN SPRING HILL

WHEREAS, in 1957 the Tennessee General Assembly founded the Williamson County Hospital District, now known as the Williamson Medical Center (“WMC”), as a non-profit public entity to serve the people of Williamson County; and,

WHEREAS, since its establishment, WMC has grown into a hospital licensed with 185 beds and offering comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services, 24-hour emergency care, preventive health screenings and wellness activities to the community; and,

WHEREAS, more than 400 outstanding board-certified physicians, representing 39 medical specialties, treat patients and conduct medical research at WMC; and,

WHEREAS, WMC offers patients state-of-the-art services generally provided by larger medical centers, without sacrificing the compassion and convenience usually associated with smaller hospitals; and,

WHEREAS, WMC’s dedication to quality and standards of excellence has earned it a Tennessee Quality Award and full accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations; and,

WHEREAS, WMC has forged a strong cooperative alliance with the Williamson County Health Department, providing a full-time family physician for patients in Franklin and a part-time physician for the Health Department clinic in Fairview; and,

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Health Services and Development Agency (“the Agency”) has approved three WMC projects, and that one of the primary factors upon which the projects were approved was the anticipated growth in WMC’s service area, including Spring Hill. In 2002, the Agency granted WMC Certificate of Need No. CN0205-035 for an \$85 million addition to and renovation of the hospital. In 2003, the Agency granted WMC Certificate of Need No. CN0211-115 for an additional forty hospital beds to be located in a new fifth and sixth floor addition to WMC, the renovation of the hospital’s third and fourth floors, and the reconfiguration of its outpatient services area. In 2004, the Agency granted WMC Certificate of Need No. CN0307-055 for the establishment of a five (5) bed neonatal intensive care unit, increasing the licensed bed complement at the hospital to a total of one hundred eighty-five (185) beds; and,

WHEREAS, WMC raises philanthropic funds through Williamson Medical Foundation and uses its charitable assets to address health care needs within the community; and,

WHEREAS, WMC employs approximately 1,180 individuals to carry out its mission of providing quality healthcare for the citizens of Williamson County; and,

WHEREAS, WMC expects to hire an additional 70 nurses by 2007 to staff its newly renovated facilities and additional patient beds; and,

WHEREAS, WMC operates Williamson County's ambulance service, which includes nine stations that fully cover the County, and said ambulance service is provided in cooperation with Williamson County Government; and,

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated 68-11-160 requires that a Certificate of Need be issued only if the facility (a) will "contribute to the orderly development of adequate and effective health care facilities and/or service," (b) can be "economically accomplished and maintained," and (c) is "necessary to provide needed health care in the area to be served"; and,

WHEREAS, it is our considered judgment that (1) Certificate of Need No. CN0604-028 filed by TriStar Health System for the establishment of a 56 bed hospital in Spring Hill does not meet any of the three statutory criteria; (2) said certificate of need application is not in the best interest of the citizens of Spring Hill and Williamson County because its approval would adversely affect the financial well-being of WMC and, thereby, affect ability to provide the level of services which have already been approved by the Agency; (3) that there is no demonstrable need for a new hospital in Spring Hill; (4) that the financial feasibility of a new hospital in Spring Hill is highly doubtful given the fact that the growth and future demand for health care services in Spring Hill has already been addressed in recent projects approved by the Agency; and (5) a new hospital in Spring Hill will not contribute to, but rather will directly contravene, the orderly development of healthcare because of the unnecessary duplication of services and the adverse impact its establishment would have on WMC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Nolensville Board of Mayor and Aldermen that the Town of Nolensville opposes the application of TriStar Health System for Certificate of Need No.CN0604-028, which would establish a 56-bed hospital in Spring Hill. We urge the Agency to deny this Certificate of Need at its meeting June, 2006.

RESOLVED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2006.

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Walter T. Dugger, III, Mayor

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Cindy Lancaster, Town Recorder

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